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BEFORE THE ARIZONA MEDICAL BOARD

In the Matter of

TRACI PRITCHARD, M.D.

Holder of License No. 30359 For the Practice of Allopathic Medicine In the State of Arizona.

Case No. MD-14-0433A INTERIM CONSENT AGREEMENT FOR PRACTICE RESTRICTION

INTERIM CONSENT AGREEMENT

Traci Pritchard, M.D. ("Respondent") elects to permanently waive any right to a hearing and appeal with respect to this Interim Consent Agreement for Practice Restriction; admits the jurisdiction of the Arizona Medical Board ("Board"); and consents to the entry of this Interim Consent Agreement by the Board.

RECITALS

Respondent understands and agrees that:

- 1. The Board, through its Executive Director, may adopt this Interim Consent Agreement, or any part thereof, pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1405(C)(25) and A.A.C. R4-16-504.
- 2. Respondent has read and understands this Interim Consent Agreement as set forth herein, and has had the opportunity to discuss this Interim Consent Agreement with an attorney or has waived the opportunity to discuss this Interim Consent Agreement with an attorney. Respondent voluntarily enters into this Interim Consent Agreement and by doing so agrees to abide by all of its terms and conditions.
- 3. By entering into this Interim Consent Agreement, Respondent freely and voluntarily relinquishes all rights to an administrative hearing on the matters set forth herein, as well as all rights of rehearing, review, reconsideration, appeal, judicial review

or any other administrative and/or judicial action, concerning the matters related to the Interim Consent Agreement.

- 4. Respondent understands that this Interim Consent Agreement does not constitute a dismissal or resolution of this matter or any matters that may be currently pending before the Board and does not constitute any waiver, express or implied, of the Board's statutory authority or jurisdiction regarding any other pending or future investigations, actions, or proceedings. Respondent does not relinquish her rights to an administrative hearing, rehearing, review, reconsideration, judicial review or any other administrative and/or judicial action, concerning the matters related to a final disposition of this matter, unless she affirmatively does so as part of the final resolution of this matter.
- 5. Respondent acknowledges and agrees that upon signing this Interim Consent Agreement and returning it to the Board's Executive Director, Respondent may not revoke her acceptance of this Interim Consent Agreement or make any modifications to it. Any modification of this original document is ineffective and void unless mutually approved by the parties in writing.
- 6. Respondent understands that this Interim Consent Agreement shall not become effective unless and until it is signed by the Board's Executive Director.
- 7. Respondent understands and agrees that if the Board's Executive Director does not adopt this Interim Consent Agreement, she will not assert in any future proceedings that the Board's consideration of this Interim Consent Agreement constitutes bias, prejudice, prejudgment, or other similar defense.

- 8. Respondent understands that this Interim Consent Agreement is a public record that may be publicly disseminated as a formal action of the Board, and that it shall be reported as required by law to the National Practitioner Data Bank and on the Board's website as a disciplinary action.
- 9. Respondent understands that this Interim Consent Agreement does not alleviate her responsibility to comply with the applicable license-renewal statutes and rules. If this Interim Consent Agreement remains in effect at the time Respondent's Arizona allopathic medical license comes up for renewal, she must renew her license if Respondent wishes to retain her license. If Respondent elects not to renew her Arizona license as prescribed by statute and rule, Respondent's license will not expire but rather, by operation of law (A.R.S. § 32-3202), become suspended until the Board takes final action in this matter. Once the Board takes final action, in order for Respondent to be licensed in the future in the State of Arizona, she must submit a new application for licensure and meet all of the requirements set forth in the statutes and rules at that time.
- 10. Respondent understands that any violation of this Interim Consent Agreement constitutes unprofessional conduct under A.R.S. § 32-1401(27)(r) ("[v]iolating a formal order, probation, consent agreement or stipulation issued or entered into by the board or its executive director under this chapter.").

INTERIM FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. The Board is the duly constituted authority for the regulation and control of the practice of allopathic medicine in the State of Arizona.
- 2. Respondent is the holder of License No. 30359 for the practice of allopathic medicine in the State of Arizona.

- 3. The Board initiated case number MD-14-0433A after receiving Respondent's self-report of a DUI. On March 31, 2014, Respondent was cited for criminal DUI.
- 4. Pursuant to the Board's Physician Health Program ("PHP"), Respondent presented for a health assessment and a comprehensive evaluation. The recommendation indicated that Respondent is not safe to practice medicine until, among other things, she enters into a 90-day residential or inpatient treatment program for licensed health professionals.
- 5. The investigative staff, the medical consultant and the lead Board member have reviewed the materials and concur that in order to mitigate imminent danger to the public health and safety the practice restriction set forth below is appropriate.

INTERIM CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- The Board possesses jurisdiction over the subject matter hereof and over Respondent.
- 2. Pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1405(25), if delegated by the Board, the Executive Director may enter into consent agreements when there is evidence of danger to the public health and safety. Pursuant to A.A.C. R4-16-504, the Executive Director may enter into interim consent agreements with a physician when there is evidence that a restriction is needed to mitigate imminent danger to the public health and safety and that the investigative staff, the medical consultant and the lead Board member concur that an interim consent agreement is appropriate.

INTERIM CONSENT AGREEMENT

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. Respondent is prohibited from engaging in the practice of medicine in the State of Arizona as set forth in A.R.S. § 32-1401(22) until she applies to the Board and receives permission to do so. Respondent may not apply for reinstatement until such

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time that Respondent, at her own expense, presents and participates in a 90-day residential chemical dependency treatment program designed to address the therapeutic needs of licensed health professionals at a Board approved treatment center, and complies with any and all recommendations.

- Once all of the terms and conditions of this Interim Consent Agreement 2. have been met, Respondent may request release from or modification of this Interim Consent Agreement. The Board has the sole discretion to determine whether all of the terms and conditions of this Interim Consent Agreement have been met and whether Respondent has adequately demonstrated that she has addressed all of the issues identified in this Interim Consent Agreement. At that time, the Board shall determine whether it is appropriate to release Respondent from this Interim Consent Agreement and enter a final disposition in this matter or take any other action that is consistent with its statutory and regulatory authority.
- This is an Interim Consent Agreement and not a final decision by the 3. Board regarding the pending investigative file and as such is subject to modification and further consideration by the Board.
- This Interim Consent Agreement shall be effective on the date signed by 4. the Board's Executive Director.

Pritchard, M.D. DATED: June 18, 201	4
DATED AND EFFECTIVE this 20th day of June ARIZONA MEDICAL BOARD	, 2014.
By C. Lloyd Vest, II Executive Director	·

1	EXECUTED COPY of the foregoing mailed
2	this 20 day of <u>June</u> , 2014 to:
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